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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRAVEL

1. AT EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION JULY 23, GENERAL ROMULO SOUGHT ME OUT TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT YOU MIGHT CANCEL YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO MANILA. HE ASKED ME TO CABLE YOU TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS, AS WELL AS ROMULO HIMSELF, VERY MUCH WANT YOU TO COME.

2. ROMULO WENT ON TO SAY THAT FILIPINOS ARE PLANNING A TRULY IMPRESSIVE WELCOME FOR YOU TO EXPRESS THEIR ADMIRATION FOR YOUR WORK. HE SAID THAT WHEN YOU WERE HERE WITH PRESIDENT FORD, THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SINGLE YOU OUT AS THEY WOULD HAVE WISHED. IN JOCLAR BUT NEVERTHELESS GENUINE TONE, HE SAID THEY WERE PLANNING TO DESIGNATE A SMALL ISLAND AND NAME IT FOR NANCY.

3. FINALLY, HE ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT THE VISIT NEED NOT BE RELATED TO PROGRESS IN OUR MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS. FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, THE OCCASION SHOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO HONOR YOU "AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN" AND HE HOPED YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION IN THAT LIGHT.

4. COMMENT: AS I HAVE INDICATED IN OTHER MESSAGES, I BELIEVE THE
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VISIT WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT UPON OUR MILITARY BASE

NEGOTIATIONS, EITHER TO GIVE THEM THE FILLIP THAT WILL CAUSE
THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OR TO PROVIDE THE BALM FOR A GRACEFUL
RECESS. GIVEN THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH ROMULO APPROACHES THE IDEA,
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE AURA OF US-RP GOODWILL WITH WHICH
GOP INTENDS TO SURROUND YOUR PRESENCE WOULD INSURE SUCH BENEFITS.
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